

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated April 4, 2005, claims 1-18 and 31-60 were pending. Claims 1-18 are allowed. Claims 31-60 are rejected.

In this response, claims 31-60 have been cancelled without prejudice. No claim has been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

While Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims which were allowed.

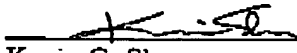
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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